



# September 2016

## Recent News & Updates from the Department of Chemistry & Chemical Biology, Rutgers University

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### Welcome Back!

With the Fall 2016 semester now underway, I'd like to welcome everyone back to campus. I look forward to seeing you and sharing the exciting news that continues to evolve within our Department.

The year has brought some changes to our faculty, with Professors Karsten Krogh-Jespersen and John Krenos becoming Professor Emeriti. Having joined the department more than 30 years ago, they will be truly missed. We thank them for decades of dedication to teaching both undergraduate and graduate students alike. Professor Kathryn Uhrich has also left the University, in this case to become the Dean of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences at U. C. Riverside. We wish her well as she continues her academic journey.



Fortunately, the Department is excited to be welcoming three new Assistant Professors, Drs. Lu Wang, Robert Hayes, and Andy Nieuwkoop, who have joined our biological and physical chemistry divisions. I have no doubt they will complement our prestigious faculty as we continue to expand our world class research effort.

The current progress of our new Chemistry building remains on track and we look forward to occupying the building this time next year. I look forward to seeing you at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. With the much needed additional classroom space and state-of-the-art research labs, I am confident this building will strengthen our ability to educate future chemists and give us the space we need to pursue our cutting edge research.

**Best wishes for a successful semester!**

*John Brennan, Chair*

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## Welcome to Our Incoming Fall 2016 Graduate Class

CCB welcomes our incoming class of 23 PhD students to our graduate program. The class comes to us from 18 different universities around the world. We are very excited to have them join CCB and wish them the best of luck!

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## Robert Moss Named Recipient of the 2017 American Chemical Society James Flack Norris Award

Professor Robert Moss has been named as the recipient of the 2017 American Chemical Society James Flack Norris Award in Physical Organic Chemistry.

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## Jilin-Rutgers Chemistry Department Exchange Program

14 students from Jilin University are spending the Fall semester at CCB as part of the exchange program.

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## Upcoming Events

- **Sept 30:** [Dr. Shashidhar Rao](#), Nestle Nutrition Institution
- **Oct 11:** [Dr. Mukund S. Chorghade](#), THINQ Pharma & Empiriko
- **Oct 14:** [Professor Kenji Takahashi](#), Kanazawa University
- **Oct 21:** [Princeton ACS Fall Organic Chemistry Symposium](#)
- **Oct 21:** [Professor David Case](#), Rutgers University

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